

Patent Application of George R. Petersen and James K.
Jenkins for "Universal Song Performance Method" continued

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Abstract Of The Disclosure:

A melodic interchange system that allows persons having no previous musical training or musical sight-reading skill to perform new lyrical contents. Known as the Universal Song Performance Method (USPM), this process capitalizes on the user's existing knowledge of a plurality of well-known melodies--ranging from simple nursery rhymes (that anyone would know) to elaborate classical works. The USPM system is comprised of printed or otherwise visually displayed text containing newly-authored, structured rhythmic prosody based on common-mode scansion that is divisible within a standard musical form, thus enabling said lyrics to be superimposed over melodic material that is familiar to the user.